

## **Public Notice – Environmental Project**

### **PURPOSE OF NOTICE:**

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in the City of Portsmouth, Virginia.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

December 4, 2012 to December 28, 2012

### **TYPE OF RESPONSE:**

Federal Consistency Certification

DEQ is reviewing a proposed federal permitting activity to determine if it is consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP) established pursuant to the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The VCP seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

### **NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT :**

DOD/U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is reviewing an application from PER Properties, Inc. for permits required pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act for proposed impacts to jurisdictional Waters of the United States from the construction of an intermodal facility for receiving agricultural products for export via oceangoing vessels at 3991 Elm Avenue in the City of Portsmouth. Construction of the facility will require dredging and filling which will impact 14,504 square feet of non-vegetated wetlands and 55,722 square feet of subaqueous land on the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River. A 945 foot long steel sheetpile bulkhead will be installed to allow for loading equipment to support the waterfront activities necessary for terminal operations. The project will require dredging of 118,039 cubic yards of material to provide deepwater access to the federally-maintained shipping channel in the Elizabeth River. PER Properties, Inc. has submitted a Federal Consistency Certification that finds the proposed project consistent with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

### **HOW TO COMMENT:**

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

### **CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

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